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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 30th/March, through Sunday, 6th/April there were 229 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**5J0, SAN ANDRES ISLAND.** Members of the Florida DXPedition Group have entered the CQWW SSB Contests from many DX locations starting in 1996 as WP2AHW. In 1997, they were C6AJT, 1998 as WP2Z, 1999 as J6J, 2000 as FG5BG, 2001 as J75J, and 2002 HI9X. In addition to the CQWW Contests, their members have operated from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Antigua, Montserrat, Haiti, Crete, Wake Island, Spratly Island, Chatham Island, East Malaysia and New Zealand. This year eight members will be operating from **San Andres Island** (IOTA **NA-033**) during the period of **October 20-28th**. They plan to run 4-5 stations before and after

the contest. They have also requested the contest callsign **5J0X**. In the past they have never asked for any assistance. This year they are asking for donations to help offset the cost. If you are interested in helping them out, please send your donations to: Bill Gallier, FDXPG, 2694 North Camel Ave., Middleburg, FL 32068. Visit their two web pages at: <http://www.geocities.com/hk02003/> and <http://www.geocities.com/w4wx1/upcoming/>

**8P, BARBADOS**. Richard, G3RWL, is expected to be active from here **until April 20th** (No callsign was provided). Activity will be on 40-10 meters, plus 80 and 6 meters if he can arrange the antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or to the bureau.

**9N, NEPAL**. Dov, 4Z4DX, is expected to be active as **9N7DX** from **April 22nd to May 13th**. He will be looking for Israeli stations everyday on 14195 kHz starting around 1500z. His activity will be on all bands and modes, but mostly on PSK31/RTTY/CW.

**A4, OMAN (Pirate Activity)**. Axel, DL6KVA, has been in contact with Alex, **A45WD** (YO9HP), and has confirmed that a station using Alex's callsign operating on 30 meters (March 29th, 2000-2100z on 10107.6 kHz) was a PIRATE. Alex states he is NOT licensed to operate on 30 meters (yet). All QSLs for this band activity will be returned. He is trying very hard to get approval to operate on 30 meters, but it is going very slow.

**CY9, ST. PAUL ISLAND (Update)**. OPDX was informed that the 5-6 operators (who will be named later) going to CY9-land **July 24th-August 2nd**, should be active on 160-2 meters SSB/CW/RTTY. The group is trying to get a CY9 callsign which will be put out after their arrival.

**DXCC NEWS**. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager, announced this past week that the following is approved for DXCC credit: **VP6DIA** - Ducie Island - March 8-13th, 2003

**GACW DX CONTEST**. Raul, LU6EF, GACW Coordinator, wants to remind everyone that the **GACW World Wide DX Contest** will be held during the third weekend of April (**April 19-20th**). For details and rules on the contest, please visit their Web site at: <http://gacw.no-ip.org>

**IN SEARCH OF BY YOUR EDITOR!** I know this has nothing to do with DX, but your editor's second love (other than DXing) is MUSIC. I have been searching for a music CD (not LP) called the "Young and Rich" by the group "The Tubes". The CD is now out of print. Please look at your local record/CD store to see if they have a copy. I am interested in buying a copy (or even a backup version) at a reasonable price.....Thanks Tedd, KB8NW

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AF-045**. Members of the Association des Radioamateur Senegalais (ARAS) 6W Radio Club will be active as **6V1A** from **Goree Island, June 7-9th**. Activity will be on HF bands mainly on SSB with some CW. QSL via ARAS QSL bureau to Jean Louis, 6W6JX.
- **AS-079**. Taka, JR3TVH, informs OPDX that he will be active as **homecall/6** from **Hirara City** (near or around), on the Island of **Miyako (Ryukyu Islands, Okinawa-ken)** between **April 11th** (0700z) until around **April 13th** (0100z). He will be on the HF band from 40-6 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY. His specific aim on this visit is to provide QSOs on 6 meters overseas (especially to African and European stations). Look for his

beacon on 50.138 MHz (JR3TVH/b) to call him on the frequency, or contact him by an E-mail at: [jr3tvh@arrl.net](mailto:jr3tvh@arrl.net) QSL to his home callsign, via the bureau or direct ( QRZ.com).

- **AS-117.** Opertaors JA1KJW, JJ1JGI, JK1EBA and JN1IKT will be active as **homecall/0** from **Sado Island, April 10-13th**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to their home callsign.
- **EU-038.** Peter, DL4FCH, will be active as **PA/DL4FCH** from **Texel Island, April 11-17th**. Activity will be only CW on 10/15/20/40/80 meters. QSL via his home callsign. An online log will be available on his home page at: <http://www.niksch.de/dl4fch/>
- **EU-045.** Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC); Antonio/IZ8CCW, Antonio/IK8VRH and Gianni/IZ8CGS will be active as **IB0DX** from **Ventotene Island, April 25-27th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL via home callsign, direct or via the bureau. Their Web page is at: <http://www.mdxc.org/ib0dx/>
- **EU-170.** Ron/9A5JR (OE3REB) and Emir/9A6AA will activate the Island of **Dugi Otok** (CI-018, CRO-183, not WLH) from **April 7th** (afternoon) to **April 9th** (before noon). They will operate from the lighthouse of Veli Rat. Look for for them on SSB on 15, 20 and 40 meters.
- **EU-171.** Ela/DL3YMK and Torsten/DH3YMG will be active as **OZ/homecall** from **Vendsyssel-Thy/Nordjylland Island** (aka Jutland Island). This island also counts as DIA NJ-001 for the Danish Islands Award. Activity will take place **between now and April 17th**. Operations will be on 40/20/15 meters. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the bureau.
- **SA-056.** Members of the HCDX group will be active from **April 8-11th** from **Muisne Island** in the Esmeraldas Province Group. Their callsign is currently not known yet. Activity will be on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. QSL via EA7FTR: Francisco Lianez Suero, Asturias 23, 21110 - HUELVA - SPAIN.

**IR4, ITALY.** Igor, IZ4COT, informs OPDX that the **IR4A** contest team, which consists of operators IK4MSV, IK4SWX, IK4IDS, IK4HLU, IZ4COT, IZ4DIW and IZ4AGI, will be active during the **ARI International Contest May 3-4th**. QSL via the bureau (preferred) or via direct to: ARI, P.O. Box 178, 42100 Reggio Emilia, Itlay.

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU.** Miguel, EA5IK, hopes to be active during his spare time from here, **April 12-15th**. No callsign or bands/modes of activity were provided. QSL via EA5BY.

**J7, DOMINICA.** Jon/AA1K and Jeanie/AB1P are now active **through April 12th** as **J79K** and **J79P**, respectively. This is a vacation and casual DXpedition. They will have a pair of IC-706's and wire antennas. Jon hopes to be active a little on all of the bands 160-6 meters, but he will focus mainly on CW, especially on the WARC bands. Jeanie will do some phone operating. The second radio will be monitoring 50.110 MHz or CQing on 50.102 MHz CW. Activity began late on April 5th and is expected to end early on April 12th. The only QSNs to report as of print time are Jon was heard on 10107 kHz around 2255z and on 18073/18080 after 1900z. QSL via their home callsign.

**OH, ALAND ISLAND.** Ben, SM6CCO, will be active as **OH0CO** from **April 10-16th**. Activity will be mainly on the WARC bands and CW. QSL via SM6CCO, bureau or direct.

**OY, FAROE ISLAND.** Plently of activity by the LLDXT group continues **until April 10th**. Remember ALL QSLs will be handled by LLDXT's QSL Manager PA5ET. Pictures and an online log search are now available on the LLDXT Web page at:

## QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Activity by **4G6A** was by Frank/VE7DP and Rey/4F1FZ on Semirara Island (OC-125). Operation to end April 7th. QSL via VE7DP (QRZ.com).
- Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH, is pleased to announce that the **8Q7ZZ** QSL cards have been delivered from the printers on April 1st. He states, "Needless to say, I am very embarrassed about the delay in sending out the cards. I have not been responsible for the design or printing of them, as the expedition operators wanted to do this themselves. I will get on with the job as fast as I can now they are to hand, but please do NOT send second applications, as they will not be answered. As you will imagine, there is quite a large backlog of requests to answer, which will take many weeks (if not months) to work through, so please have patience."
- According to "The Weekly DX", the **AH3D** cards will not be back from the printers until May. The QSL is expected to be a great aerial photo of Johnston Atoll. QSL AH3D to: 2003 Johnston Atoll DXpedition, P.O. Box 73, 02380 Espoo, Finland.
- QSL **AY9H** via LU9HO. Use the address on QRZ.com. OPDX was informed to please remind the readers to QSL as follows:
  - 1 SASE with one IRC is ok for reply for the whole world.
  - 1 USD for the bordering countries.
  - 1.50 USD to the rest of Americas.
  - 2 USD to the rest of the world.
- Gerben, PA5NT, reports that all direct cards for **ST2X** have been answered and are in the mail right now. Those who worked ST2X on all 7 bands that were activated will receive a special award.
- **STORY QSL INFO**. Chris, DL5NAM, DXpedition Team Leader/QSL Manager, has requested that only one QSL card with all QSO info listed on the card be sent to expedite processing. Chris said that he really did not care if you did not send a card, and a piece of paper would do as long as all info for all your QSOs were on one peice of paper. A system will shortly be in place on the STORY Web page to request a bureau card via E-mail. For direct QSL returns for US stations, please enclose 2.00 USD (the German cost of return airmail postage) and a pre-addressed return envelope. For European stations, please enclose one Euro Dollar and a pre-addressed envelope. Direct cards go to Chris, DL5NAM, at: Chris Sauvageot, Guttenburg 19, D-91322 Graefenberg, Germany. Chris also said that individual donations would be greatly appreciated to help defray the great cost of putting #18 of the 100 Most Wanted List on the air for a lot of DXers.
- Rustam "Rusty", **UU2JQ**, informs OPDX that his QSL Manager Andy, KZ1L, passed away in 2001. QSLs for UU2JQ should now be sent to the Ukraine via direct or bureau.
- QSL **XF3RCC** via XE3RCC: P.O. Box 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico. Activity was by members of "Radio Club Cancun" from a few Mexican islands and lighthouses over the past week.
- Nik, HB9EAA, informs OPDX that he has been receiving a lot of direct cards for his **ZK1EAA** DXpedition without sufficinet postage. Nik states to please remember the cost of an airmail-letter for outside of EUROPE is more than 1 USD (approx. 1.35 USD). So all cards without enough postage will answer via the QSL bureau. Also, Nik can't use stamps from USA or JAPAN. These cards will also be answered via the QSL bureau. Detailed information about his activity can be seen on the Web page:

<http://www.qsl.net/hb9eaa/dxped03/> The ZK1EAA activity on 40m or 30m was not operated by Nik. (This was a Pirate). An ONLINE log of ZK1EAA will be available soon.

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA (Update).** The **S05X** Team keeps preparing the next "BIGGEST DXpedition" ever seen in the Sahara Desert. They will have 11 operators from 6 different countries. The S05X Team will be active from **April 16-21st**, and be on air from **Tifariti**, Western Sahara, operating 24 hours, on all bands, all modes. The list of equipment includes: Kenwood TS2000, a few Icom 706s, Icom 756PRO and a BRAND NEW ICOM 7400 (Icom 746PRO) to test in this really hard environment. They have this special Icom IC7400 thanks to one of their supporters, the major Icom reseller in Italy: Giorgio Mossino's "D.A.E. Telecomunicazioni" who is always ready to support RADIO ACTIVITIES. Other kind supporters have supplied the team with 4 brand new laptops to use during their DXpedition. "Hewlett Packard of Italy" will let them use their fast new XE4000 for their logging and digitals transmission. From the first day of operation, S05X will be on CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK, and is expected to provide you with a 59(9) signal from an exceptional locator for the very first time. The S05X Team will be on 6 meters from a very new LOCATOR: IL46RD They are going to use a 6 meters 3 element yagi (Cushcraft A30S) during the operation. They will try to be on air as much as propagation allows because they know this is the very first time this locator is activated. QSL Manager is URE, the Spanish National Association and Bureau, and the cards will go VIA EA4URE. Any comments or ideas can be sent to their specials pilot stations: Mauro I1JQJ ([i1jqj@interlink.it](mailto:i1jqj@interlink.it)) Maurizio ([i121171@tin.it](mailto:i121171@tin.it))

**SPECIAL EVENT.** The Maritime Radio Historical Society is pleased to announce that **K6KPH** will be on the air on **April 26th**, to participate in the annual **International Marconi Day** commemorative event. International Marconi Day takes place each year on a weekend close to the birthday of the great radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi. The event is organized by the Cornish Amateur Radio Club which offers awards to stations in various classes. See their Web site for details at: <http://www.gb4imd.co.uk/> Station K6KPH's transmitting frequencies will be 7050, 14050 and 21050 kHz (3545 kHz may also be activated if conditions warrant). Also, K6KPH will begin operations on April 26th at 1700z (1000 PDT). The actual International Marconi Day event runs from 0000-2359z on April 26th. QSLs for K6KPH and reception reports may be sent to: Ms. DA Stoops, P.O. Box 381, Bolinas CA 94924-0381, USA. Visit the Maritime Radio Historical Society Web page at: <http://www.radiomarine.org>

**TX4, MARQUESAS ISLAND (Update to [OPDX.597](#) and [OPDX.602](#)).** Silvano, I2YSB, informs OPDX that his callsign for his **April 25th-May 9th** operation will be **TX4PG**. Updates and all other information is available on his Web page at: <http://digilander.libero.it/i2ysb/>

**V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA.** A group of amateurs from the recently formed Antigua and Barbuda Radio Club (callsign V21ARC) will be going on DXpedition to the sister island of **Barbuda** over the Easter weekend (**April 18-21st**). Their callsign for this operation will be **V21BBQ** (BBQ is the Airport designator for Barbuda Airport!). They plan to operate on 160-10 meters plus localized 2 meter contacts. The plan is to have three stations on HF and one on 2 meters. To their knowledge, there has never been any ham activity from Barbuda. With their activity and presence on the island, they hope to expose the residents to ham radio and secondly, to familiarize the ham community with Barbuda. QSL to: Antigua & Barbuda Radio Club, P.O. Box 965, St.John's, Antigua, West Indies.



**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update).** Steve, VK3OT (ex-VE3SIX), reported before he left Victoria on April 4th, that he has changed his operating schedule for his **VK9XI** operation between **April 7-21st**. His priority is now the 6 meters band and HF CW when 6 meters is closed. The following operating times are subject to change due to propagation and solar activity.

Time	Band - Frequency	Mode
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0200z	10m - 28040 kHz (Up 5)	CW Primary
0400z	15m - 21040 kHz (Up 5)	CW Primary
0600z	20m - 14040 kHz (Up 5)	CW Primary
0800z	30m - 10114 kHz (Up 1)	CW Only
0900z	40m - 7030/7055 (Up 5)	CW Priority
1000z	80m - 3530 (Up 5)/ 3797.5	CW Priority
1100z	160m - 1827/1822 (Dn 5)	CW Only
0000-1500z	6m - 50115 (Up 5) (QSO 50110 and 28885)	

Steve may make possible appearances on the "IOTA Net", Saturday on 14260 kHz at 1300z and Sunday on 21260 at 1300z. Also, watch on the weekends for him to possibly show on the ALARA Net, 14222 kHz at 0600z and on the daily ANZA Net, 21205 kHz at 0500z. QSL via VK3OT (Direct ONLY) to: Steve Gregory, Post Office Box 622 Hamilton, Victoria 3300, Australia. For a printout of the frequency schedule, visit the Web page at: <http://members.datafast.net.au/electronics/path.htm>

**VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLAND.** By the time you read this, Rodger/GM3JOB and Willie/GM4ZNC should be active once again as **VP5/homecalls** from **North Caicos (NA-002)** between **now and April 19th**. No QSNs have been reported yet as of print time, but they plan to be active on most bands CW/SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, either direct or through the bureau.

**XY, MYANMAR.** Franks, DL4KQ, is now active as **XY4KQ** until **April 15th**. He was heard this past weekend on 20 and 15 meters. Watch 14150 kHz between 1800 and 2045z. Also, watch 21307 kHz after 1630z. Remember, his activity is expected to be on all bands including the WARC bands, and he will try to activate a new IOTA (refer [OPDX.603](#)). For more info and updates, go to the Web page at: <http://www.dx-pedition.de>

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW  
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Subscribe: <mailto:opdx-request@nshore.org?subject=subscribe>  
Unsubscribe: <mailto:opdx-request@nshore.org?subject=unsubscribe>

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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